

6675 號五十七百五千六第 日五初月二十年寅戊緒光 HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 1878. 六拜禮 號八十二月二十英 港香. PRICE 22. PER MONTH

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.
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WILL GLOBE

See, to-day, the 28th instant, at 9.30 A.M.
 For Hohhot and Hinghoh (with mails for Pakhoi and Hsao Lung).—*Per Thales*, to-day, the 28th instant, at 9.30 A.M.
 For Singapore, Eastern Australia, &c.—*Per Siamora*, to-day, the 28th instant, at 1 P.M.
 For Melbourne, Sydney, Cockatoo, Melbourne, &c.—*Per Zamboanga*, to-day, the 28th instant, at 2.30 P.M.
 For Shanghai.—*To-day*, the 28th instant, at 2.30 P.M.
 For Shanghai.—*Per Yangtze*, to-day, the 28th instant, at 3.30 P.M.
 For Yokohama.—*Per Volga*, to-day, the 28th instant, at 3.30 P.M.
 For Takao, Taiwan, and Yokohama.—*Per*

Bygone, to-day, the 28th instant, at 4.30 P.M.
 For Yokohama and Niogo.—For Surinamese, to-day, the 28th instant, at 4.30 P.M.
 For Yokohama and Niogo.—For *Travancore*, to-day, the 28th instant, at 5 P.M. Late letters received from 5.10 to 3.30 P.M., with 16 cents late fee.
 For Swatow, Amoy, and Fokohow.—For Douglas, to-day, the 28th inst., at 6 P.M.
 For Saigon.—For *Cebu*, on Friday, the 3rd proximo, at 3.30 P.M.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET
 "The French-Consent Packet," "PELITO" will be despatched from Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 33th December, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Australia, and to the Colonies, and to Batavia.

1. **ADRESSES.**—East-Aldos, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Alaska, Seychelles, Canton, Mauritius, Suva, and Alexandria. This is the last opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to East-Aldos, St. Helena, and Ascension.

2. Letters may also be forwarded to India by this Packet.

3. The following will be the hours of closing the Mail, &c. —

4. **FRIDAY, 27th December.**

5. 5 P.M. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

6. **SATURDAY, 28th December.**

7. 7 A.M. Post Office opens.

8. 10 A.M. Receipts of Letters consols. Posting of

all printed matter ceases.
11 A.M. Mails closed, except for Late Letters.
11.40 A.M. Letters may be posted with Late
Fee of 18 cents, until
11.50 A.M. When Post Office closes entirely.
12.00 P.M. Late Letters may be posted on board
the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents, until
time of departure.

**MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES
PACKET.**

The United States Mail Packet "GAELIC"
will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 2nd
January, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco,
and the United States, which will be closed as
follows:

18 P.M. Hong Kong, but Letters (except
220 rate) to the Office cannot be posted or
board the Pacific with Late Fee of 18 cents
extra Postage, until the time of departure.
Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies
(except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video,
Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent
by this route.

To provide means of re-mitting small sums
of money to or from this Colony and between
the Ports of China and Japan, the Postmaster
has arranged that the Office will in-future be a
place (but not required) to purchase Hongkong
Postage Stamps from foreign residents.

Between Hongkong and Shanghai, or Hong

Under instructions from the London Post Office, the mails for the United Kingdom, India, and the Colonies, are carried by the following Mails:

hereafter be forwarded via Naples, as it is understood that a gain of twelve hours results from the adoption of this route.

As it would be extremely inconvenient to visit the mail and no practical advantage would result from doing so, the Government has intended for some time to have the British Packet sent via United Kingdom by French Packet, will be sent via Naples, even though marked "Marseilles."

An impression appears to prevail that correspondence for the Mediterranean stations (Gibraltar, Malta, Cyprus, the Levant, Trieste, Genoa, and the British Packet) will be forwarded also by French Packet, and so if forwarded generally arrives a week earlier than if it had been detained for the British Mail.

PATTERNS.

Some difficulty is experienced in obtaining general understanding of what is a *Pattren*. It is a bona fide sample of goods which the sender has for sale, or of goods which he wishes to order. It is to consist of the smallest possible quantity compatible with showing what the goods are, and must be of intrinsic value.

Most patterns which Hongkong forward to Correspondence have joined the General Postal Union or being probably about to do so it is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1.—No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Postal purposes if it contains any money, jewels, or

ious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of dutiable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:-

TO BRITISH OFFICES.	
Books and Papers	5 lbs.
Patterns	6 lbs.
TO FOREIGN OFFICES.	
Books and Papers	2 lbs.
Patterns	3 lbs.
Other articles which cannot be sent	See
Part II. sub-division. Liquids, General	

the public is so much that there is much thing as Parcel Post to Europe. Many small and disappointment is caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable things through the Post. Fans, Curios, Articles, Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being refused. The senders are often spent much money on postage that would have been freight by steamer. No refund can be obtained from such parcels of the value of Steamship. obliterated before the nature of the contents are discovered.

Correspondence for the West Indies (except those belonging to the Postal Union, the Bahamas, and Hayti), for Monte Video, Paraguay and Uruguay, can no longer be sent via St. Francisco.

REGISTRATION TO BANGKOK.

Her Britannic Majesty's Consul for Siam has been good enough to make arrangements, by means of which, correspondence can be Registered to Bangkok, at the usual charge of agents.

The attention of owners, agents, and charterers of steamers is drawn to the provisions of the Post Office Ordinance, 1876.

Notice is hereby given, that an office will be

Under the provisions of the regulations issued by the department of a vessel if not duly qualified, nor of departures for Canton or Macao Notice is now required of any departure, though with regard to sailing ships, the old rule was practically retained in force, that notice need be sent unless taken for.

Section XXXV requires that the first notice sent to the Foreign Office shall be as follows:

"The name of steamer plying regularly on fixed days; notice of any change in the day hours will be sufficient."

Stamped correspondence may still be sent aboard any vessel after the Mail is closed at Post Office.

The Consulate-General takes this opportunity of calling the attention of firms to the fact that

any such words as Despatches will close at
A.M. added to the advertisement of a vessel
illegal. Consignees' Letters are exempted by
from passing through the Post Office, but
person is allowed to make collection of such let-
ters for transmission under a penalty of £
per week during which the practice continued

